



## Media Release

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### City Council Statement on Fireworks

The City Council discussed the issue of banning fireworks at their meeting on July 1. The Council decided to not place a ban on the use of fireworks and urges all residents to educate themselves on the safe use of fireworks. Please respect the conditions that exist and the concerns expressed by many of our residents about the dangers of fireworks.

The Mayor and Council have received numerous emails and phone calls requesting that the Council pass a resolution banning the use of fireworks inside Medford City Limits. In addition to the requests to ban the use, there are suggestions to end the sale of fireworks inside city limits as well. The City currently has such a ban in place, the stands that residents see are not on property within City limits.

All elected officials and staff have taken citizen comments and request seriously considering the high fire danger that exists in the region.

There currently exists large sections of the City that already have a complete prohibition on the use of all fireworks. This would include:

- Wildland Hazard Area (property east of Foothill Rd and N. Phoenix Rd)
- All City Parks and Schools
- Bear Creek Greenway

These areas have been and will continue to be the focus areas for enforcement during the immediate holiday and beyond.

Information about how to use fireworks safely can be found on our website at:

<https://www.medfordoregon.gov/News-Articles/Fireworks-Laws-and-Safety-Information>

The Council also recognizes the need for future discussions on this subject with neighboring cities and Jackson County in order to develop a coordinated regional approach to this issue.

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